WHY CHRISTMAS ALMOST WASN'T

By Jack Kent

YOU'RE SAD, TOPO! IS IT SOMETHING I DID?
NO, KING LING. YOU'VE BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME SINCE I CRASHED HERE ON THE PLANET TWEENKLE
BUT BACK ON EARTH IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS. SANTA CLAUS WILL BE BRINGING PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY....
..AND I WON'T GET ANY 'CAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE MY FORWARDING ADDRESS!
THERE, THERE! DON'T CRY! YOU'RE DILUTING YOUR TEA!
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WHO IS "SANTA CLAUS"?
HE'S THE SPIRIT OF GIVING. EVERYONE LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENCE, WITH HIS JOLLY "HO, HO, HO!", AND..
HO, HO, HO!
SANTA CLAUS, I PRESUME?
PLOP
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WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
IT'S THE TRADITIONAL WAY TO REGISTER SURPRISE. ONLY THERE'S MORE ROOM TO DO IT IN ON EARTH!
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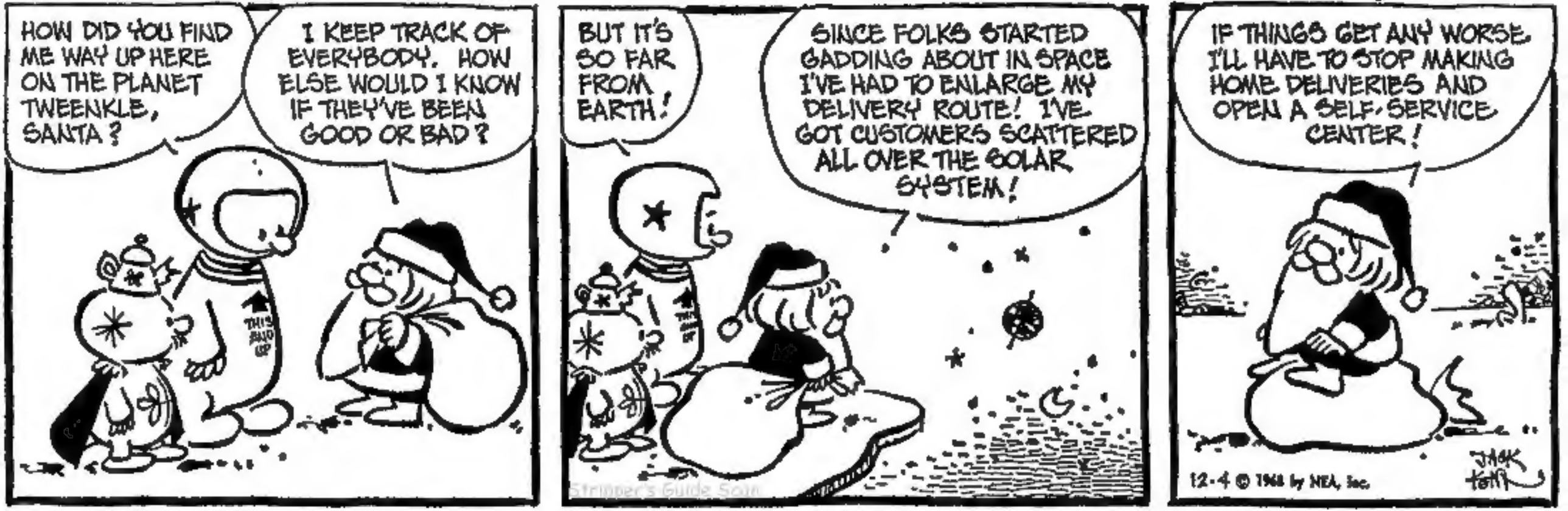
HOW DID YOU FIND ME WAY UP HERE ON THE PLANET TWEENKLE, SANTA?
I KEEP TRACK OF EVERYBODY. HOW ELSE WOULD I KNOW IF THEY'VE BEEN GOOD OR BAD?
BUT IT'S SO FAR FROM EARTH!
SINCE FOLKS STARTED GADDING ABOUT IN SPACE I'VE HAD TO ENLARGE MY DELIVERY ROUTE! I'VE GOT CUSTOMERS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE SOLAR SYSTEM!
IF THINGS GET ANY WORSE I'LL HAVE TO STOP MAKING HOME DELIVERIES AND OPEN A SELF-SERVICE CENTER!
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IT'S A BIT EARLY, BUT I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, SO I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR PRESENTS NOW.
OH, THANK YOU, SANTA!
HOLD IT! I CAN'T JUST **HAND** THEM TO YOU! I HAVE TO PUT THEM UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE!
B..BUT WE DON'T **HAVE** A CHRISTMAS TREE!
NO TREE, NO PRESENTS! THERE ARE RULES, Y'KNOW!
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HOW CAN I LEAVE ANY PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TREE TO LEAVE THEM UNDER?
I'M SURE WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOMETHING IF WE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT.
GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT, ERSKILL.
ERSKILL
CUSTOM THINKING BY DAY OR WEEK
YOU MEAN HE DOES YOUR THINKING FOR YOU?!
CERTAINLY! I'M THE KING! I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!
I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT
YOU'VE GOT THE THINKING CAP ON BACKWARDS!
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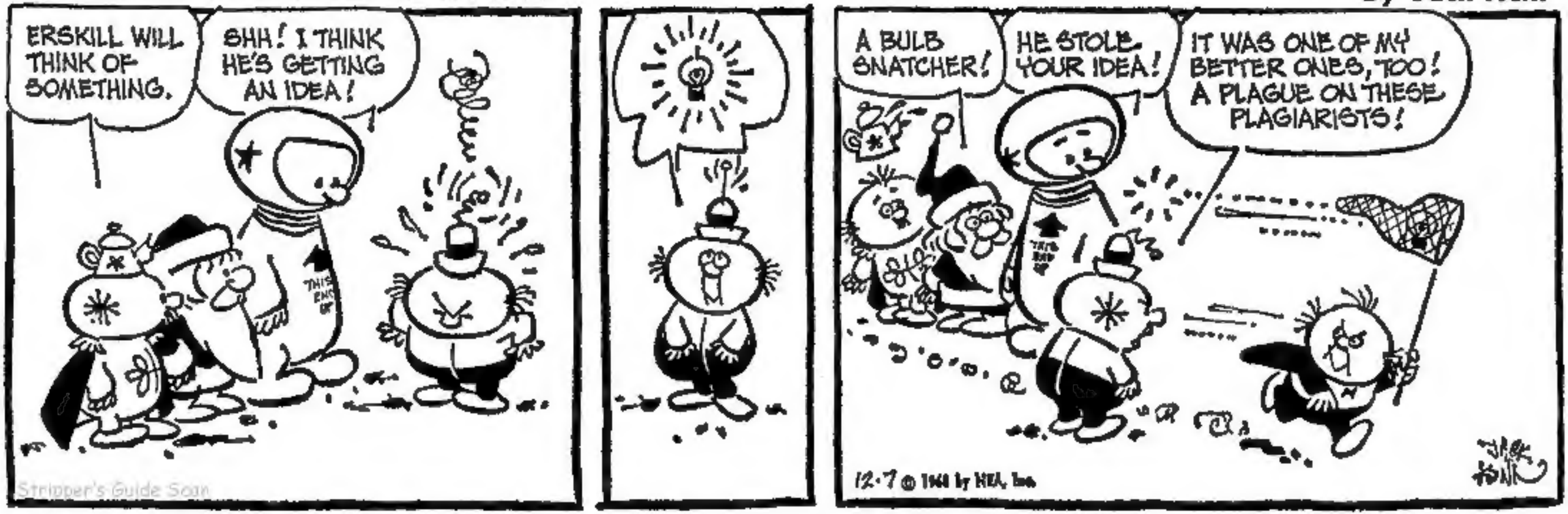
ERSKILL WILL THINK OF SOMETHING.
SHH! I THINK HE'S GETTING AN IDEA!
A BULB SNATCHER!
HE STOLE YOUR IDEA!
IT WAS ONE OF MY BETTER ONES, TOO! A PLAGUE ON THESE PLAGIARISTS!
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I DON'T SEE HOW I CAN LEAVE ANY PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!
IT'S A PROBLEM.
I'M WORKING ON IT!
THE THINKING CAP IS OVERHEATING !!
THIS

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I'VE FINISHED MY THINKING. DOBBLE IS DRAWING THE CONCLUSION. (WE'RE A TEAM).
VERY PRETTY.
I NEVER TOOK A LESSON
THAT'S THE ANSWER! WE CAN GET A CHRISTMAS TREE!
WHICH PROVES THAT ANY PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED WITH A LITTLE LOGICAL THINKING!
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KING LING IS TRYING TO CATCH A TREE TO PUT THE PRESENTS UNDER, SANTA.
TRYING TO "CATCH" IT?!
THIS END UP
YES. HERE ON TWEENKLE PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE CLOSELY RELATED. TREES HAVE FEET AND ELEPHANTS HAVE TRUNKS AND...
THIS END UP
WHICH WAY DID IT GO?
IT WENT THAT-A-WAY!
AND TO THINK THERE ARE FOLKS WHO FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE IN FLYING REINDEER!
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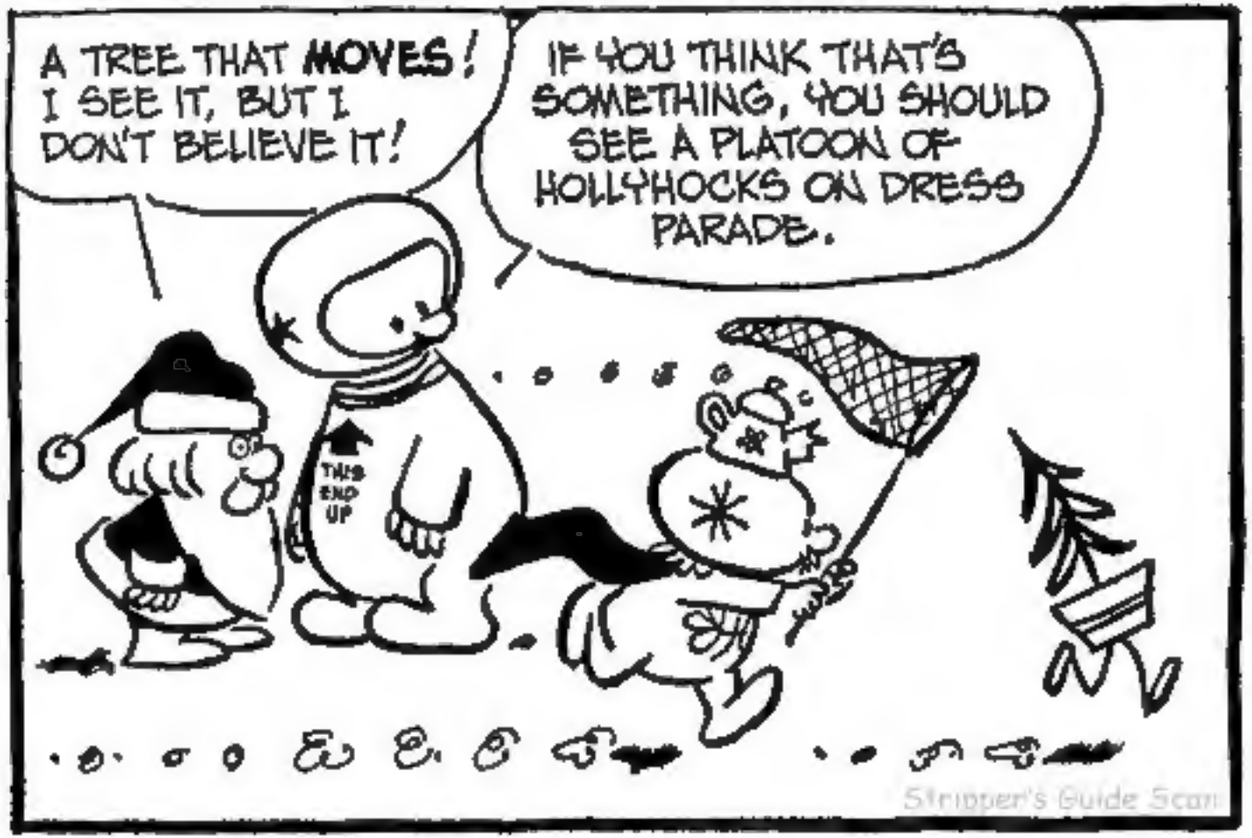
A TREE THAT MOVES! I SEE IT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IF YOU THINK THAT'S SOMETHING, YOU SHOULD SEE A PLATOON OF HOLLYHOCKS ON DRESS PARADE.
THIS END UP
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WE'RE HAVING CHRISTMAS, AND YOU AREN'T INVITED! NYAA!
WHO'S THAT, TOPO?
HE'S ONE OF THE WOOFERS WHO LIVE ON THE FLIP SIDE OF TWEENKLE. THEY'RE THE ENEMY.
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?
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WHY ARE YOU AND THE WOOFERS ENEMIES, KING LING?
HOW CAN FOLKS SEE EYE TO EYE WHEN THEIR HEADS GO IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS?
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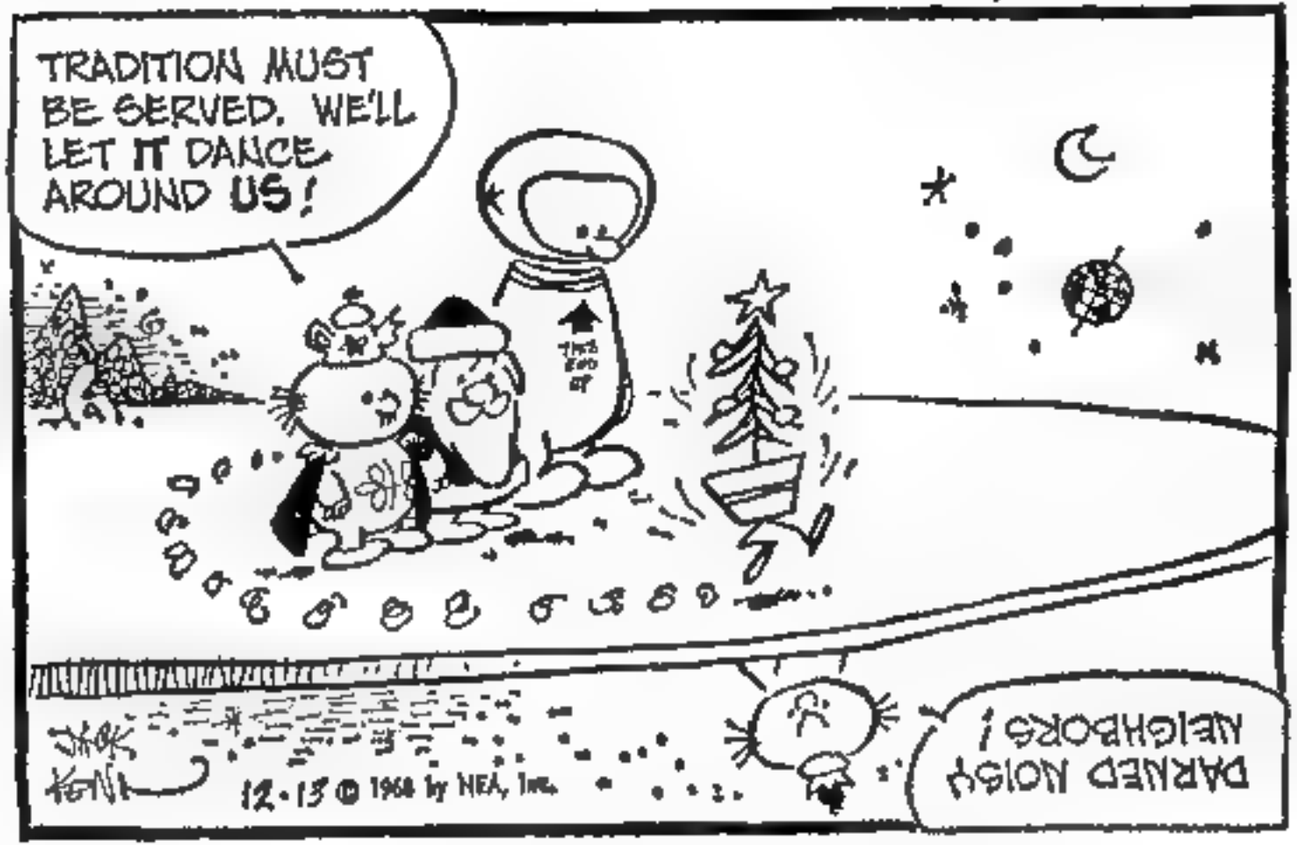
THE TREE IS LOVELY, TOPO!
BACK HOME WE USED TO DANCE AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE, BUT HERE ON TWEENKLE PLANTS DON'T STAY IN ONE PLACE LONG ENOUGH!
THIS END UP



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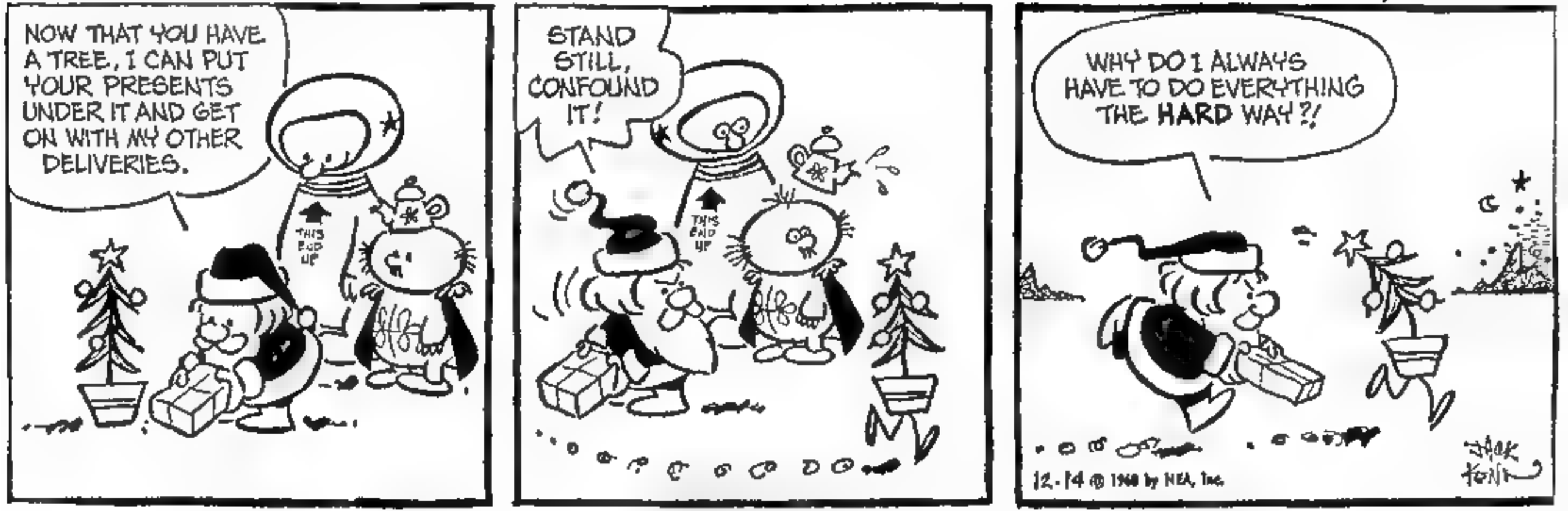
NOW THAT YOU HAVE A TREE, I CAN PUT YOUR PRESENTS UNDER IT AND GET ON WITH MY OTHER DELIVERIES.
THIS END UP
STAND STILL, CONFOUND IT!
THIS END UP
WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING THE HARD WAY?!
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HI! I'M AN ENEMY SPY AND I CAME OVER TO SEE WHAT ALL THE COMMOTION WAS ABOUT.
SANTA CLAUS IS HAVING TROUBLE PUTTING OUR PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE.
STOP A MINUTE, DAGNAB IT!
HE'S GAINING ON IT!
THIS IS THE MOST EXCITING SPYING I'VE DONE IN A LONG TIME.
SIT OVER HERE BY ME, MISS ENEMY SPY, MA'AM! YOU CAN SEE BETTER FROM HERE!
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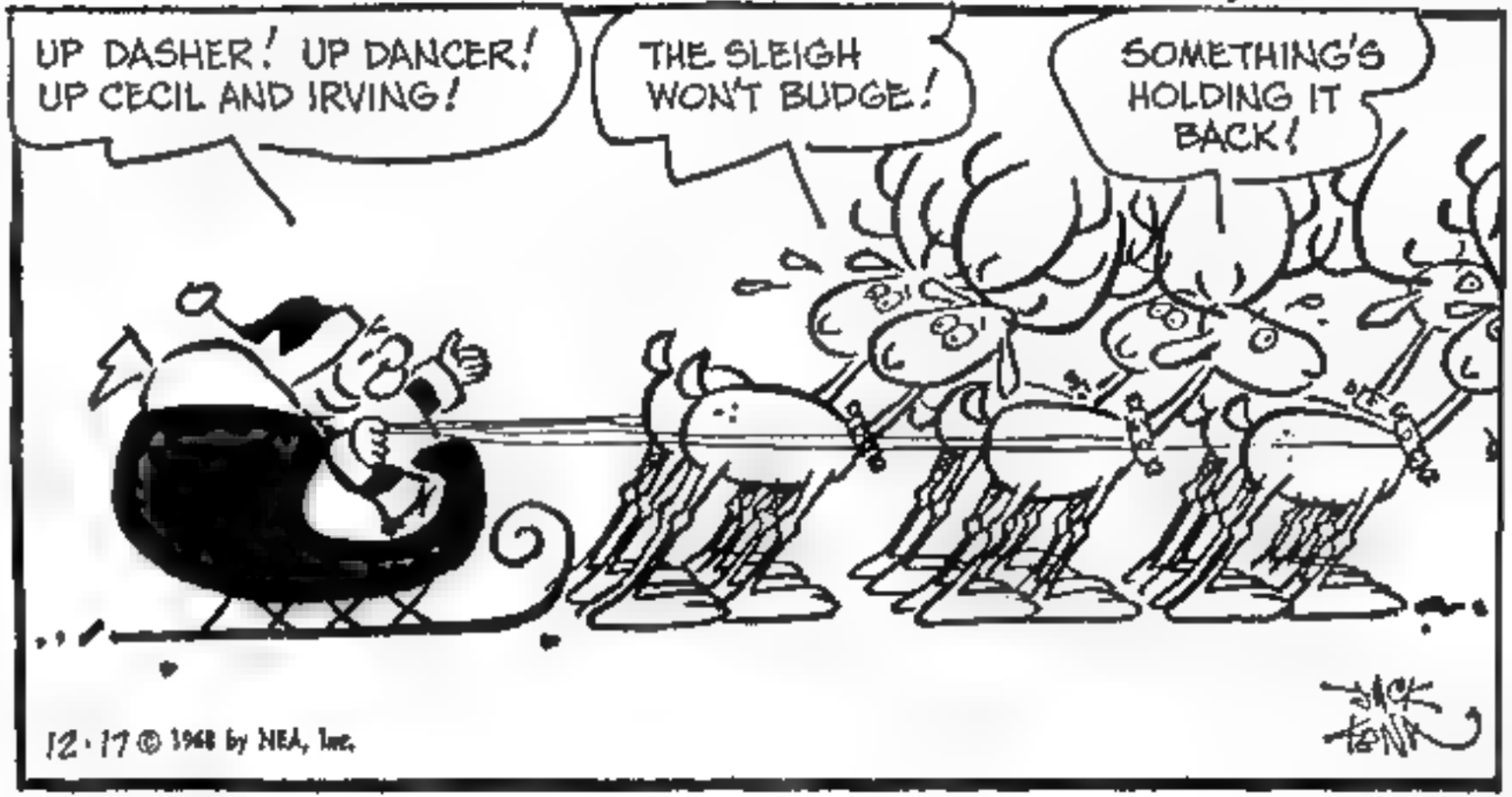

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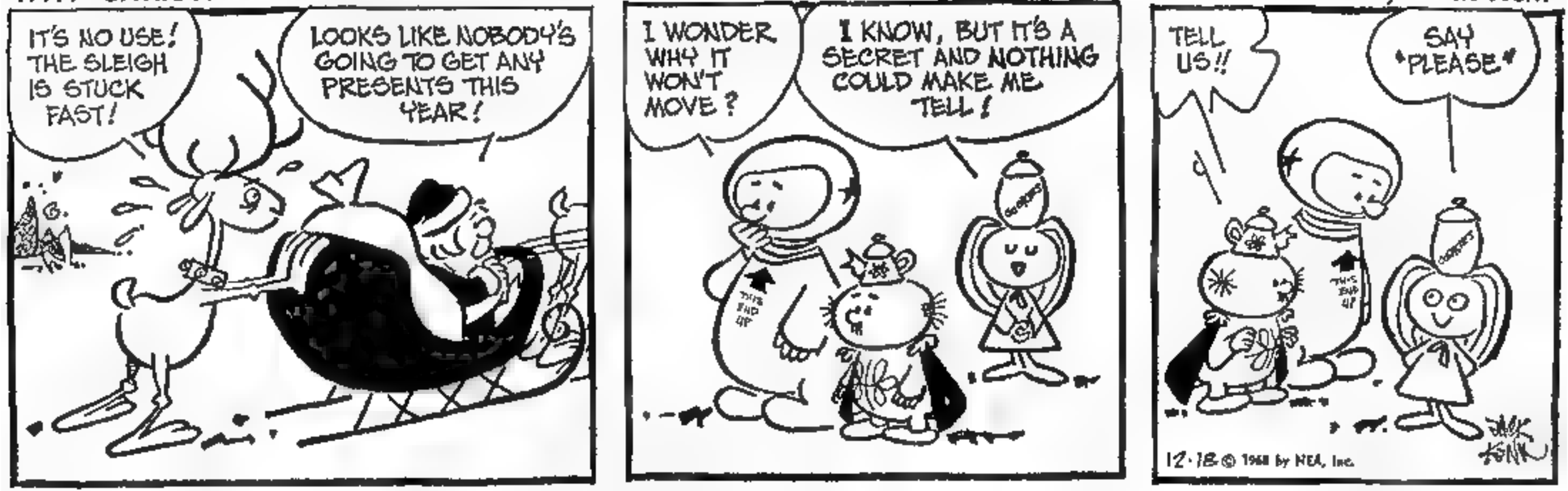
IT'S NO USE! THE SLEIGH IS STUCK FAST!
LOOKS LIKE NOBODY'S GOING TO GET ANY PRESENTS THIS YEAR!
I WONDER WHY IT WON'T MOVE?
I KNOW, BUT IT'S A SECRET AND NOTHING COULD MAKE ME TELL!
TELL US!!
SAY "PLEASE"
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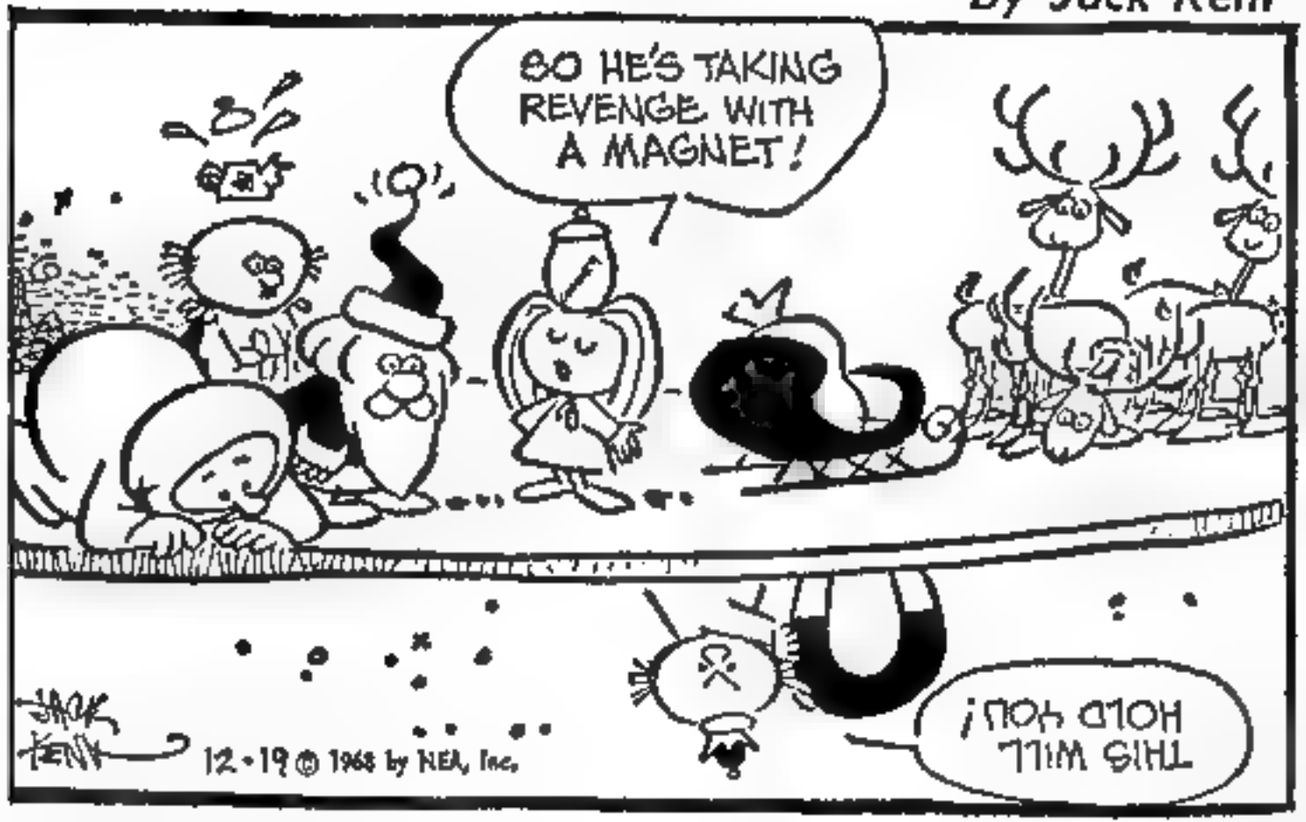
YOU KNOW WHY MY SLEIGH WON'T MOVE?!
TELL US!
PLEASE, MISS ENEMY SPY, MA'AM!
WELL, YOU FOLKS HAD CHRISTMAS AND WE WOOFERS DIDN'T GET ANY AND OUR KING WAS JEALOUS..



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THIS TIME THE WOOFERS HAVE GONE TOO FAR! I'LL FIX 'EM! I'LL GET EVEN! I'LL MAKE THEM WISH THEY'D NEVER.....
CALM YOURSELF! YOUR TEA IS BOILING OVER!
MERCY ME!!
COOKIES

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WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE SANTA TURNED INTO A RAG DOLL?!
A DIETARY DEFICIENCY, PERHAPS.
I'M AFRAID IT'S ALL THE SQUABBLING AND HATEFUL TALK THAT DID IT. SANTA IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, Y'KNOW..
COOKIES
AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS LOVE. WITHOUT LOVE, SANTA CLAUS ISN'T REAL.
HAVE A COOKIE?
NO, THANKS. I'M STUFFED.
COOKIES
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ONLY LOVE CAN MAKE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS COME ALIVE!
YOU MEAN, LIKE I SHOULD MAKE UP WITH THE WOOFERS?
GOOD IDEA! I SECOND THE NOTION!
COOKIES
THIS END UP
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I SAID I CAN'T STAY MAD AT YOU ON CHRISTMAS. C'MON OVER. I'LL SHARE MY PRESENTS WITH YOU.
I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE MY OLD SELF AGAIN.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
YOU WHAT?!
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WELL, SANTA'S ON HIS WAY BACK TO EARTH. UNLESS HE RUNS INTO TROUBLE ON RE-ENTRY THERE'LL BE PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY AFTER ALL.
I'M GLAD YOU TWO DECIDED TO MAKE UP.
BUT AFTER CHRISTMAS WE'LL DISLIKE EACH OTHER AGAIN, OF COURSE.
OF COURSE !!
THAT'S HOW IT GOES, I'M AFRAID! WE PUT LOVE ON THE MENU AT CHRISTMAS, BUT TOO OFTEN THERE AREN'T ANY LEFT-OVERS!
MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS LAST ALL YEAR
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